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MILLIKEN NURSERIES OFFERINGS SPRING 1937

BULBS:

Ranunculus, Anemones, Tuberous Begonias and Gladiolus.

PLANTS:

Transvaal Daisies (Gerberas), Chrysanthemums, Dwarf Flowering Almonds, Crepe Myrtle, Double Shasta Daisies, Salvia Pitcheri and Columbine.

Instructions—Read Before Ordering

1. Prices quoted are postpaid to any point in the United States.
2. California customers please add 3% sales tax.
3. Money must accompany orders. We prefer remittance by Mail Orders.
4. If your order totals less than \$1.00, add 10 cents for handling charges.
5. Milliken Nurseries give no warranty, expressed or implied, as to description, quality, productiveness or any other matter of any seeds, bulbs, or plants they send out and they will be in no way responsible for the crop.
6. However, if not satisfied with the merchandise received, or feel that we have misrepresented our offerings, make claim immediately.

RANUNCULUS

The bloom of the ranunculus are globular and appear like highly-colored turbans. If you are familiar with them, you will want some of our Giant Superba strain. If you do not know them, you owe it to yourself to plant out at least a small bed. Our bulbs are all sturdy seedling bulbs and will flower profusely this spring about eight or nine weeks after planting.

In hot climates these desirable flowers may be grown from plantings as late as the middle of April. Where the climate is cool and the summers are mild they may be planted as late as June. Planting instructions with order.

Mixed colors (red, pink, yellow, orange and white):

80 medium-sized bulbs.....	\$1.00
200 medium-sized bulbs.....	2.00
200 small-sized bulbs.....	1.00

This latter size is recommended where the area to be planted is large. The flowers from the small bulbs will be as large as those from the medium-sized bulbs, but there will not be as many per plant.

Separate colors: Red shades, pink shades, orange shades, yellow shades.

50 bulbs for \$1.00; 200 for \$3.00.

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BULB SPECIAL

\$3.50 value for only \$3.00

80 Ranunculus bulbs.....	\$1.00
40 Anemone bulbs.....	.50
10 Tuberous Begonias.....	1.00
70 medium Gladiolus.....	1.00

Pay \$3.00 for value of.....\$3.50

TUBEROUS BEGONIAS

Unlike many Begonias, they are desired for their beautiful flowers rather than their foliage. The blooms come in a variety of types which seem to imitate many of our popular flowers.

Tuberous Begonias find their origin in the Andes of South America. They were introduced into Europe in the middle of the nineteenth century. There are records of half-hardy types from the Cape of Good Hope, China, Japan, and Java; but the ancestors of the hardy type which is becoming increasingly popular each year came from Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador.

Begonia tuberhybrida is grown easily by anyone who likes to watch plants grow and bloom. The bulbs are planted in flats of light soil and then transferred to their permanent locations. Their care is not difficult, and detailed planting instructions are enclosed with each order.

Types offered:

Double—Many rows of petals, flowers imitate Camellias and Roses.

Fimbriata—Double and ruffled, the Carnation type.

Giant Single—Plain with extremely large flowers.

Fripped—Giant singles with the edges of the petals ruffled.

Crested—Giant singles with false or part petals cresting the center of the flower.

Lloydii—Single and double mixed trailing plants which are used for hanging baskets and window boxes.

Colors offered: Crested, Lloydii, and Fimbriata in mixed colors only. The other types in the following separate colors: Pink, yellow, orange, scarlet, white, salmon, and crimson.

Ten bulbs, all different, \$1.00, or twenty-four bulbs, all different, for \$2.00.

Eight bulbs of your choice, labeled, for \$1.00, or twenty labeled bulbs for \$2.00.

ANEMONE CORONARIA

Beautiful poppy-like flowers which are popular because of their long blooming period, individual beauty, and value as cut flowers. If you follow our planting instructions they are not difficult to grow. Since they require the same care as do Ranunculus bulbs they are often planted together. The blue of the Anemone adds to the colors of the Ranunculus.

His Excellency—Single scarlet flowers, three to five inches in diameter.

Blue Poppy—Single shades of blue and lavender, equally as large as His Excellency.

Giant French De Caen—Single flowers in mixed shades of red, blue, pink, white, and lavender.

80 medium-sized bulbs \$1.00; 200 bulbs \$2.00.
200 small bulbs \$1.00 (this size will bloom well).

GLADIOLUS BULBS

The ever popular cut flower. Plant our thrip-free bulbs and grow a whole garden full of flowers at a very small cost.

We have chosen ten of the more popular and satisfactory varieties and offer them in two sizes.

- Varieties:
- Berty Snow—Lavender.
 - Betty Nuthall—Orange pink.
 - Los Angeles—Pale pink.
 - Leon Douglas—Begonia pink.
 - Souvenir—Yellow.
 - Crimson Glow—Red.
 - Jubulie—Orchid.
 - Golden Dream—Yellow gold.
 - Aflame—Flame.
 - Albania—White.

Large size bulbs, 30 for \$1.00 (three of each variety or split up as you desire), or 70 for \$2.00.

Medium size bulbs, 70 for \$1.00 (seven of each variety or as desired), or 150 for \$2.00.

Both sizes of bulbs will give fine large flowers this season and may be planted any time until about the first of July.

DWARF FLOWERING ALMONDS

Little introduction is necessary to these beautiful bushes. The flowers are very double and button-like. Excellent for cutting, and desirable in the shrub border. We offer dormant stock, well branched, eighteen to twenty-four inches high. The shrubs will grow to a height of about five or six feet.

Dwarf Pink Flowering Almonds
50c each; \$1.00 for three.

PINK CREPE MYRTLE

Another old favorite. Plants well branched, eighteen to twenty inches tall, now dormant.

50c each; \$1.00 for three.

You may combine Crepe Myrtles and Flowering Almonds at three for \$1.00.

PERENNIAL SPECIAL
\$3.55 value for only \$3.00

8 Transvaal Daisies	\$1.00
8 double Shasta Daisies.....	1.00
1 Salvia Pitcheri.....	.35
12 Columbine, mixed colors.....	1.20
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Pay \$3.00 only for value of.....	\$3.55

SALVIA PITCHERI

Most beautiful of all the blue sages. A deciduous perennial with long racemes of flowers, of a deep delphinium blue. The small plants we offer will grow into large plants several feet tall by next August and September, when they will be a mass of bloom.

Small plants, 35c each.

TRANSVAAL DAISIES (Gerbera jamisonii)

Ready March 1st.

Distinctive single daisies on long graceful stems in a color range of yellow, salmon, red, brick, orange, white, magenta, and pink. The blooms are very beautiful and generally large, some of them measuring five to six inches in diameter. They make an ideal garden flower, and do well for cutting, as they often last two weeks in the home.

Full planting instructions with order.

Eight sturdy divisions—all different.....	\$1.00
Twenty divisions	2.00

Or choose your own colors.

Five divisions, labelled as to color.....	1.00
Twelve divisions, labelled as to color.....	2.00

Gerbera Seed—Seed from our growing field of selected stock. Seeds are good only when fresh. Fresh seed available after April 15th.

Packet, 25c.

DOUBLE SHASTA DAISIES

The beautiful white double flowers are five inches across and are quite similar to shaggy petalled Asters. They are borne on long stiff stems and are very valuable for cutting. The petals are a clean clear white with a contrasting yellow center. We offer sturdy divisions.

8 divisions, \$1.00; 20 divisions, \$2.00.

COLUMBINE SPECIAL
\$1.55 value for only \$1.00

A. crimson star	\$.35
A. canadensis.....	.20
A. pink.....	.20
A. silver queen.....	.20
A. flabellata.....	.20
Four mixed colors.....	.40
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Pay only \$1.00 for value of.....	\$1.55

COLUMBINE (Aquilegia)

Everybody knows the beauty and desirability of Columbine. We offer year-old plants that will bloom well this season if planted out as soon as the ground thaws out in your locality. As we have only a limited number in some varieties, will you kindly give an alternate choice when ordering.

Separate colors:

Aquilegia chrysantha—longspurred, yellow.....	35c
Aquilegia crimson star—new English origination.....	35c
Aquilegia canadensis—native California, red and yellow	20c
Aquilegia coerulea—Rocky Mountain strain.....	25c
Aquilegia silver queen—Longspurred, white, very fine texture	20c
Aquilegia pink shades—strong grower, clear colors.....	20c
Aquilegia flabellata nana alba—dwarf Japanese Columbine, ivory white, beautiful foliage, ideal for rock garden usage, 8 inches high.....	20c

Mixed colors: A superior strain of mixed colors, \$1.20 per dozen.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS—Ready April 1st

The aristocrats of fall blooming flowers. Our plants are sturdy rooted cuttings grown from disease-free field-grown plants. With a little care and attention they will produce beautiful flowers equal to the best of show blooms.

KEY TO DESCRIPTIVE TERMS

- INCURVE**—Globular, regular outline, petals pointing upward to center of bloom.
- REFLEX**—Globular, regular outline, petals pointing away from center of bloom.
- ANEMONE**—Center cushion well developed and neatly formed, surrounded by a fringe of regularly arranged petals.
- POMPON**—Either flat or globular, neat and compact, center and outside petals are all of the same character.
- SINGLE**—Small center cushion with fringe of daisy-like petals.
- SPIDERY PLUMED AND FEATHERY**—Eccentric shapes, light and graceful, thread and quill-like petals.
- JAPANESE**—Mixed types and miscellaneous.
- DECORATIVE**—Irregular, attractive, but not conforming to classification.

COMMERCIAL VARIETIES

Standard varieties grown for the cut flower market, and adaptable to the home garden. After each variety will be given its color, type of flower, and approximated blooming date calculated on a basis of planting in May.

15c each; \$1.25 per doz.

- Corrona**—Golden yellow, incurve—Nov. 1.
- Honey Dew**—Satiny yellow, incurve—Nov. 5.
- Mrs. H. E. Kidder**—Bright early yellow, incurve—Oct. 15.
- Smith's Superlative**—Bright yellow, reflex—Oct. 25.
- Mikado**—Bronze and old gold, loose incurve—Dec. 1.
- Wm. H. Waite**—Deep bronze and scarlet, incurve—Oct. 25.
- Golden Bronze**—Beautiful bronze, incurve—Oct. 25.
- Black Hawk**—Rich maroon red, loose reflex—Dec. 1.
- Garnet King**—Fine dark red, reflex—Nov. 20.
- First Dawn**—Chamois pink, gold tips, incurve—Nov. 20.
- October Rose**—Lavender pink, incurve—Oct. 20.
- Helen Frick**—Orchid lavender, incurve—Nov. 25.
- Crystal Dome**—Snow white, perfect incurve—Nov. 15.
- Silver Sheen**—Satin white, incurve—Oct. 20.

The above varieties will produce larger and more perfect flowers if disbudded. The bud, desired to bloom, should be selected about nine weeks prior to the blooming dates mentioned above, then the balance of the buds should be removed.

AUTUMN GLORY COLLECTION, \$1.00
One each of:

Triumph	\$.25
Aaron15
E. N. Ward.....	.20
Ida Skiff.....	.15
Maple Leaf.....	.15
Bronze Source D'or.....	.15
Hilda Canning.....	.15
Mikado15
Cactus15

Pay only \$1.00 for value of.....\$1.50

FEATHERY, SPIDERY AND THREAD-LIKE

These varieties are novelties. They are beautiful and full of grace. If you like the unusual, be sure to have at least one of these varieties.

30c each; \$3.00 per doz.

- F. J. Taggart**—Deep yellow, quilled petals covered with hairs.
- J. C. Taggart**—Orange bronze, quilled petals covered with hairs.
- Mignonette**—Resembles a light yellow thistle bloom.
- Rayonnante**—Long cord-shaped pale rose petals.
- The Dean**—Pure white, beryl green center.

HARDY EARLY FLOWERING VARIETIES

An assortment of types that withstand the early frosts, bloom well without the usual shelter required in cold climates.

15c each; \$1.25 per doz.

- Perle Chatillonaie**—Creamy white blush shaded, reflex—Sept. 25.
- Ganna**—Large pink, pompon—Oct. 12.
- Cactus**—Fiery terra cotta, decorative—Sept. 1.
- Bronze Source D'or**—Orange with reddish shades, pompon—Oct. 1.
- Champagne**—Pale ruby red, decorative—Sept. 15.
- Crimson Quintus**—Rich dark crimson, decorative—Oct. 1.
- Etoile D'or**—Bright yellow, pompon—Sept. 15.
- Zaza**—Yellow with orange base, pompon—Oct. 1.
- Harvest Home**—Bronzy red, pompon—Oct. 15.
- Winnetaka**—Pure white, reflex pompon—Sept. 1.
- Yellow Normandie**—Golden yellow, decorative—Sept. 1.
- Eden**—Deep rose, large pompon—Oct. 1.
- Sonoma**—Bronze, gold reverse, large pompon—Oct. 1.
- La Somme**—Mauve pink, reflex—Sept. 15.
- Boston**—Pure bronze, single—Oct. 1.
- Champ D'or**—Canary yellow, large pompon—Sept. 1.
- Carrie**—Yellow, decorative—Sept. 1.
- Betty**—Bright bronze, large incurve pompon—Sept. 1.
- Aladdin**—Orange bronze, decorative—Oct. 1.
- Cranfordia**—Bronzy yellow, large decorative—Oct. 15.
- Mayellen**—Cerise, yellow center, anemone—Sept. 25.
- October Gold**—Gold-tipped red, large pompon—Oct. 1.
- Petit Louis**—Silvery mauve, button—Oct. 15.
- Murillo**—Very hardy pink, decorative—Oct. 15.
- Crawford Pink**—Light rose, button—Sept. 25.
- Chaldron**—Crimson with gold tips, pompon—Sept. 25.
- Normandie**—Creamy white, decorative—Sept. 1.
- Alice Howell**—Orange bronze, decorative—Oct. 1.
- Rosy Gem**—Rose pink, large pompon—Octo. 15.

The above varieties do not require disbudding. In fact they will not react to disbudding. By cutting the first blooms as they mature the blooming period will be lengthened.

HARDY EARLY FLOWERING COLLECTION
Twenty-four plants, all different but not
labelled for only.....\$2.00
Same plants, labelled, for.....2.40

ANEMONES

Large puffy cushion centers surrounded by one or many rows of petals. Very effective. Listed by name, color, height, blooming date.

15c each; \$1.25 per doz.

- Godfrey's Perfection**—White, yellow cushion, medium—Nov. 25.
- Smith's Innocence**—Pure white, tall—Nov. 5.
- Co-ed**—Light pink, yellow cushion, tall—Nov. 10.
- Laelia**—Rose pink, short—Nov. 1.
- Maple Leaf**—Reds and golds, short—Nov. 10.
- Jeola**—Even shade of amaranth, medium—Nov. 1.
- The Chief**—Light yellow, high cushion, medium—Nov. 20.
- Crimson Glow**—Large crimson maroon, medium—Nov. 25.

Do not disbud standard anemones like those above.

LARGE JAPANESE ANEMONES

Different from the standard varieties in size and regularity of outside petals. Petals are seldom straight, and generally of great length. This group should be disbudded nine weeks prior to the blooming date given.

Japanese Anemones are listed by name, color, height, and blooming date.

25c each; \$2.00 per doz.

- Fantasia**—Large white, medium—Nov. 15.
- Innocencia**—Pure white, yellow cushion, tall—Nov. 15.
- Marrietta**—Soft pink throughout, medium—Oct. 20.
- Tronesta**—Bright pink with yellow cushion, medium—Oct. 15.
- Sunshine**—Golden yellow throughout, short—Nov. 25.
- Triumph**—Golden bronze, golden cushion, reflex, tall—Nov. 1.
- The Titan**—Bronzy red throughout, new, medium—Nov. 5.

POMPONS

The ideal Chrysanthemum for the home garden. These plants have a great profusion of bloom, affording many beautiful bouquets and masses of color in the garden. They require little care and pay big dividends. Pompon varieties are listed as follows: Name, color, size of flower, mature height and blooming date. Do not disbud pompons.

15c each; \$1.25 doz.

- Adelphia**—Ball-shaped, large white pompon, short—Oct. 15.
- Dainty Maid**—Blush white, button, short—Nov. 1.
- Lillian Doty**—Large white, medium—Nov. 1.
- Silver Ball**—Perfect form, white, medium—Oct. 12.
- Rose Charm**—Bright rose, tall—Oct. 20.
- Bright Eyes**—Center rose, petals blush, short—Nov. 1.
- Jewell**—Large pink, short—Oct. 15.
- Little Tot**—Rose pink, button, short—Nov. 15.
- Pink Dot**—Blush white with pink center, tall—Oct. 25.
- Silver Tips**—Large bright pink-tipped silver, medium—Nov. 10.
- Crimson Lustre**—Medium bright crimson, short—Nov. 10.
- Rufus**—Crimson maroon button, prolific, short—Nov. 1.
- Ethel**—Bright red, short—Oct. 25.
- Aaron**—Bronzy scarlet ,stiff stems, large, short—Oct. 20.
- Amos**—Pure bronze, medium pompon, medium—Nov. 10.
- Bucena**—Light bronze, button, medium—Nov. 25.
- Gold Tips**—Bronze tipped with gold, medium tall—Nov. 20.
- Nubian**—Bright chestnut, large, tall—Oct. 15.
- Hilda Canning**—Dark bronze, button, tall—Nov. 15.
- Ball of Gold**—Perfect form, large, tall—Nov. 1.
- Agatha**—Lemon yellow, red center, medium—Nov. 15.
- Baby**—Smallest yellow button, medium—Nov. 15.
- Christmas Gold**—Bright yellow button, medium—Dec. 1.
- Tokio**—Canary yellow, large, tall—Dec. 20.
- Yellow Doty**—Bright yellow, large, tall—Nov. 20.
- Yellow Fellow**—Golden, large, medium—Oct. 25.
- Chicago Pearl**—Large creamy white, medium—Nov. 25.

POMPON SPECIAL

- Twenty-four plants, all different but not labelled, for only.....\$2.00
- The same plants, labelled, for..... 2.40

EXHIBITION VARIETIES

Varieties selected because they react so well to disbudding and are accordingly good specimens for flower shows. Disbud nine weeks before the blooming date given. Listed by name, color, height, and blooming date.

20c each; \$2.00 per doz.

- My Michigan**—Bright yellow, very double, short—Nov. 1.
- E. N. Ward**—Golden orange, reddish tinge, incurve, tall—Nov. 1.
- Mrs. Henry Evans**—Like huge crimson Cactus Dahlia, tall—Nov. 1.
- Meudon**—Dark pink, incurve, short—Oct. 25.
- Louise Pockett**—Huge white incurve, medium—Nov. 1.
- T. Carrington**—Rosy purple, loosely incurved, tall—Nov. 1.

SINGLE CHRYSANTHEMUMS

These varieties have small centers and many rows of straight petals. They are very popular, for they are prolific, colorful and, like the pompons, one or two branches is a whole bouquet. It is useless to disbud these varieties.

15c each; \$1.25 doz.

- Ida Catherine Skiff**—Bronze amber, medium—Oct. 15.
- Golden Sun**—Fine yellow, tall—Nov. 10.
- Rich Red**—Prolific, bright red, medium—Nov. 20.
- Gladys Duckham**—Largest white, medium—Dec. 15.
- Irene**—Deep lavender, white near center, short—Oct. 1.
- Eliz. McDowell**—Orange bronze, medium—Nov. 20.

GARDEN OF GOLD COLLECTION

\$1.50 value for only \$1.00

One plant each of:

Honey Dew.....	\$.15
The Chief15
My Michigan20
Mignonette30
Christmas Gold.....	.15
Sunshine25
Corrona15
Etoile D'or15

Pay \$1.00 for value of.....\$1.50

CASCADE CHRYSANTHEMUMS

For the gardener desiring something new and different. These beautiful daisy-like single Chrysanthemums are best grown in pots where they are trained to trail and cascade as long as five feet. They come in a number of shades. We offer three of the outstanding colors.

40c each; \$4.00 per doz.

Cascade White—Flowers similar to those of a White Marguerite, delicate, attractive and graceful.

Cascade Yellow—Canary yellow, otherwise like Cascade White.

Cascade Bronze—Amber bronze, single, the same color as Ida Catherine Skiff.

Cascade Chrysanthemums are trained by tying them to stakes, which are at a 45 degree angle with the level. When the flowers are in bloom, the support is lowered a little each day until the stems are hanging downward. As the change is gradual, the flowers maintain their upright position. The final effect is that of a stream of flowers, cascading down over the rocks of some beautiful bower.

CASCADE SPECIAL

One each of the three varieties.....\$1.00

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